

## Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

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### General Walker War Spares Neither High Nor Low

Death of Lt. Gen. Walton H. Walker, America's top commander in Korea, at the front early today, was shocking news.

First accounts said the Eighth Army chief was going up to the front in a jeep when a South Korean driving a weapons-carrier swung his machine out of a convoy line and blocked the road. The general's jeep swung wide to avoid collision, hit a pole, and turned over.

Generals die the same way buck privates do. And battle traffic can be just as fatal as enemy bullets farther up the road.

Walker was the country's No. 1 tank strategist — the man trained by the late General George Patton — and was especially picked for the Korean assignment. He had given such a good account of himself that MacArthur was scheduled to put him up to a full general.

Ironically, Walker died in the same manner Patton did. Patton, you recall, was in Berlin after the World War II fighting ended, and was being driven down a trunk highway in his limousine when a car came out of a side-road without stopping — killing America's tank hero.

We build tanks to protect fighting men, and they get killed in automobiles. That's something for motorists back home to remember — on this two-day Christmas holiday.

## Outnumbered U. S. Planes Whip Reds

Tokyo Dec. 23 — (AP) — Eight fleet U. S. Sabre jet fighters took on 15 to 25 Russian-built MIG-15 jets Friday in "the biggest air battle of the Korean war" and knocked down six of them without damage to themselves.

A seventh sweptback-wing MIG was damaged in the 20-minute battle which ranged from tree-top level to 30,000-foot altitude. The air battle was fought 20 miles southeast of Sinuiju, near the northwest border of Korea.

All the kills were confirmed. Seven enemy jets now have been reported destroyed, one probably destroyed and two damaged since the F-86 Sabres, the world's fastest operational fighters, entered action in Korea Dec. 15.

The jet battle came on what General MacArthur's headquarters called the busiest day of aerial combat in the Korean war. The battle was one of three in the Korean skies.

The first one was brief and inconclusive, a communicative said. Six enemy jets made a hit-and-run pass over six Sabres near the Manchurian border. Then the MIGs fled across the line, which the U. S. pilots cannot cross.

The second encounter was the jet battle. The third came when three MIGs made a "ineffective pass" on a flight of Superfortresses in the Sinuiju area. No damage was reported on either side in this aerial brush.

One of the downed MIGs was bagged by Lt. Col. John C. Meyer of Forest Hills, N. Y., and Washington D. C. leading living American air crews of World War II.

Meyer commanding officer of the Fourth fighter interceptor group, now has 38 "2 planes to his credit. Another MIG was destroyed by Lt. Col. Glenn T. Eagleston of Alhambra, Calif., a top fighter pilot in World War II who on Thursday was credited with probably destroying any enemy jet.

The other four were downed by Capt. James O. Roberts Jr., Washington, D. C.; Lt. John Odionne of Dayton, Ohio; Lt. Arthur O'Connor of St. Joseph, Mo.; and Navy Lt. Cmdr. Paul Pugh Whitier, Calif., an exchange pilot serving with the Fourth fighter wing.

## Navy Reopens Jacksonville Air School

Washington, Dec. 22 — (AP) — The navy announced today reopening of the air technical training school at the Jacksonville naval air station and expansion of operations at the Memphis Tenn., training center.

More than 70 buildings will be reconstructed at Jacksonville to provide quarters for technical schools to begin operation in March 1951.

At Memphis, the navy said, training activities will be stepped up 7 to handle 1,000 students a month, an increase of about 30 per cent. A corresponding increase in teaching personnel will be made.

The navy said that when the Jacksonville school begins operations about 100 officers and 1,800 enlisted men will be assigned there to train about 1,000 men a month.

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## Enjoy This Christmas; '51 Will Be Tough

By JAMES MARLOW

Washington Dec. 23 — (AP) — Take a deep breath and enjoy the holidays. When they're over, you enter one of the most critical years in history.

This Christmas the stores bulged and shoppers staggered home under the load of their bundles. Next Christmas will be leaner.

It has to be. The defense program is just in its infancy. The more the factories turn out for the government, the less for civilians.

Nine years ago at Christmas everyone had a greater sense of urgency than now. The Japanese had attacked and we were at war — officially.

This time we are not at war — officially — and, although the East-West struggle is none the less real, life here is normal.

Until now the nation has been moving at an almost dreamy pace. It is only just now beginning to get ready for what may lie ahead.

And the big question about what may lie ahead can be simply stated:

1. It will take the West at least two years to arm itself enough to be able to block a push by the Russians, already well-armed.

2. So, will the Russians sit back and wait till they're blocked or will they move perhaps by spring long before the West is near ready?

The answer still seems months away. But the need for time, time to get ready, is beginning to sink into the public mind like a burning pain.

That's why at this Christmas a lot of people feel uneasy about the future and are asking themselves: What will next Christmas be like?

Slow in coming the hammer blows of the emergency are just beginning to be felt, bit by bit, just as 1950 is sliding into 1951.

Taxes have been raised; the draft is being stepped up; the government is just starting the long and trouble-filled job of cracking down on prices and wages; more and more industry is being told what materials it can have and can't have; defense orders are going out to the factories; and congress will soon approve finally a vast civil defense program.

In the year ahead weapons will roll out there'll be unemployment as the factories change over to making those weapons and since they'll be making weapons instead of civilian goods there'll be less civilian goods.

Meanwhile, here are the holidays and in Washington it's almost quiet for this 81st congress won't do anything much till Jan. 1 or so.

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## Truck Burns in South Main St. Blaze at 9:15

A Chevrolet pickup truck owned by a man named Burns burned for practically a total loss about 9:15 o'clock this morning on South Main street, the city fire department reported.

## Truman Holds Out Hope for Better World

By ED CREAUGH

Independence, Mo., Dec. 23 — (AP) — President Truman, home for Christmas, holds out hope of "a world that is safe for you and myself and everybody else to live in."

He says the American people are "in excellent shape" to meet the challenge of world communism, as the nation has met every crisis since Washington's time.

"All we need now is time and that is what we are fighting for," the President told a hometown audience of Masons, mostly old friends and lodge brothers last night.

He unexpectedly spoke out on the world crisis at a dress-suit banquet after flying out of a Washington snowstorm into what he plainly regarded as an atmosphere of goodwill and unity quite different from the Washington sharpshooting he is accustomed to.

"There is nothing like coming home," he said with obvious feeling.

Mr. Truman spent the night here in his hometown where some 75 youngsters waiting outside the temporary White House lured him, coals, to his first impromptu speech of the day.

"I hope you all get everything you want for Christmas," the President said.

That sounded at the time like just a well-meaning wish of a well-known fond father, but the President developed it a few hours later in the swank dining room of a Kansas City hotel amid red Christmas candles and silver candelabra.

He started by disagreeing in a friendly fashion with Roy Roberts, president of the Kansas City Star. Roberts had called for unity of all Americans, who he said are presently confused about the world outlook.

"I think it is the confusers who are confused Roy, not the country or the people," the President said.

Warning he went on to say the American people understand the situation and are willing to make sacrifices to meet the situation that began January 1946 when

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## 10 Old Folks Die in Texas Death-Trap

Amarillo, Tex., Dec. 23 — (AP) — Ten feeble old people trapped as they laughed over Christmas presents died late yesterday in a blaze that destroyed their barn-like barracks home.

It was the worst fire in the Texas Panhandle's history.

All the victims were bedridden. Three were blind.

"I guess I've lost them all," cried Mrs. J. W. Wright, attendant in charge of the barracks. "I should have saved them."

Then she collapsed.

But she had saved one patient. Another saved himself. A visitor — and a woman badly burned trying to save her stepmother — also got out. Those four were the only survivors of the barracks. The visitor was the only one injured.

Thirty-five patients in other units of the four-unit frame and stucco home were saved and taken to an Amarillo hospital for temporary care.

Rescue workers dug for hours in darkness before they freed the last body from the gutted barracks, part of the Walker convalescent home six miles northeast of here.

Veteran reporters, old hands at scenes of fear in tornado-stricken Panhandle towns said the concentrated hysteria and panic at the home was terrible. They said it was extremely difficult to get coherent accounts from survivors or officials.

Attendants fought off their own hysteria as they rushed from one terrified elderly person to another with calming words. Several attendants, when they had done all they could, broke down.

From the barracks the fire raced through a covered passageway to another dormitory but caught in one there.

Hundreds strove to put out the fire and rescue the victims all Texans. But they had almost no water to fight with. Pleasant Valley, the unincorporated suburb where the home was located, had no mains near enough to be of use. Water had to be pumped from a nearby trickling creek.

It was late last night before the blaze — which started about 4 p.m. — was out. Iron bedsteads blanketed with ashes were all that remained of the building.

Mrs. Wright said she believed the fire started with an explosion, although no blast was heard.

All buildings were heated by a forced air system. There were no stoves or other open fires in the buildings.

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## 12 Hurt When Blast Rocks Beer Tavern

St. Louis Dec. 23 — (AP) — Twelve persons were seriously burned early today when an explosion rocked a South St. Louis tavern, hurling several patrons into the streets and shattering most of the windows in the buildings.

Charles Mirini, Jr., the owner and one of the injured, said he was tending bar when the explosion sent flames roaring through the tavern.

"One minute everybody was laughing and the next everybody was screaming" he said.

Bottles, chairs and bits of furniture were blown across the street. District fire chief Robert Morris estimated damage at \$14,000.

The injured were taken to city hospital.

Origin of the explosion was not determined. The tavern was heated by a coal furnace, Mirini said.

## Dorsey McRae to Be Buried 3 p. m. Today

Active pallbearers for the funeral of Dorsey McRae will be: Robert LaGrone, Robert Wilson, Jack Lowe, George Peck, Ray McDowell, Edward Schooley, Vincent Foster and Comer Boyett. Honorary: The elders and deacons of the Presbyterian Church, Drs. Lile, McKenzie, Branch, Wright, Barrow and Stewart; Lex Helms, and T. S. Cornelius.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. today at First Presbyterian church. The Rev. W. G. Bensberg, President, will officiate.

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There you can see "measle charts." Spotted on them in red and blue are scores of concentration numbers — registered target areas covering every possible route of enemy approach.

Shells hit every "measle" during the night. And if the forward artillery observers see Reds approaching all they do is bark a concentration number. Wednesday night 30 Reds walked into one "measle" — and were dead seconds later.

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TRAIN SET AFIRE BY RETREATING TROOPS — A freight train burns furiously in Hunan, China, after South Korean troops had derailed, then set fire to it. This was done to prevent its falling into enemy hands. (NEA Radio-Telephoto by Ed Hoffman)



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## Artillery, Queen of Battle, Keeps Enemy at Bay, Cutting U. S. Losses at Korea Beach

By STAN SWINTON

Hungnam Beachhead, Korea, Dec. 21 — (Delayed) — (AP) — Artillery is queen of the beachhead battle.

The army and navy big guns reach out to rip the enemy when he still is well back from American infantry lines. That's why so few U. S. soldiers have been killed or wounded here.

Carrier-based planes keep the Communists pinned down during the day. At dusk the artillery begins to lay its front of explosive death around the wall; it throws out up to 10,000 shells before dawn.

It is the first time in the Korean war that the artillery has come fully into its own.

By World War II standards that are not a lot of guns.

But, says Brig. Gen. Roland P. Shugg, the beachhead's top artilleryman "American artillery technique is abreast or ahead of any nation."

"Artillery has come into its own here because of the character of the operation" said Shugg, an artilleryman in three wars.

"An army goes on the defense because it is not strong enough in manpower to attack. So on the defense it uses firepower instead of manpower. We excel in the techniques of rapid and controlled massing of different fire means."

"Actually the beachhead is just a limited scale. But the enemy has little artillery. We do not need to divert our guns to knock his out. And our observation planes have free rein of the skies," Shugg explained.

American artillery is spotted throughout the perimeter. It ranges from hulking self-propelled 155-mm. howitzers to cocky little 105-mm. field pieces.

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## U. S. Demands Europe Speed Up Defenses

By JACK BELL

Washington, Dec. 23 — (AP) — Western Europe had notice from a large segment of congress today that it will have to speed up its own defense efforts if it wants American military help continued.

That underlying demand came from many lawmakers otherwise busily engaged in one of the bitterest battles over foreign policy since pre-World War II days.

Led by Secretary of State Acheson, the Democrats reversed a trend of several months and seized the initiative with attacks on former President Herbert Hoover's recent call for a hemispheric defense plan.

Without mentioning Hoover by name, Acheson told a news conference yesterday that any move to withdraw behind the oceans and isolate the United States from Europe's troubles would mean a "quick conquest" of Europe and Asia by the Soviet.

He said the national security council had rejected a policy of withdrawing American defenses to this hemisphere, deciding that could lead only to "surrender or defeat."

Shortly after Acheson spoke out, the state department made public an American note to Moscow proposing a new meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers.

Britain and France sent similar notes but state department officials were pessimistic about prospects that Moscow would agree to such a meeting.

The American note rejected Russia's two month old proposal that the U. S., Britain, France and the Soviet Union discuss Moscow's charges that the West is rearming Western Germany in violation of its pledged word. However it expressed readiness to confer on the "principal problems" existing between East and West in an effort to eliminate "present international tensions throughout the world."

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### WEATHER FORECAST

Arkansas: Fair this afternoon tonight and Sunday. Not much change in temperature.

## Walker, Korea Commander, Is Killed on Road

Seoul, Dec. 23 — (AP) — Lt. Gen. Walton H. Walker, U. S. army commander in Korea, was killed most instantly today in a battle collection of his jeep and a South Korean driving a weapons-carrier.

Walker, a fighting prodigy, was killed while enroute to the front where his forces were bracing against a threatened Chinese New Year offensive.

There were some conflicting reports of the fatal jeep accident and the moment of Walker's death.

The first official report was given out to his staff officers who were called into some thought would be a briefing or a hearing of the general's Christmas message to troops.

The staff was called to order Maj. Gen. Leven C. Allen who the officers:

"I have a shocking statement to make. General Walker was killed instantly killed at 11 this morning when his jeep collided head-on with a truck."

Associates said General Walker had planned to decorate his jeep with a South Korean flag and British forces under his command on the trip to the front.

Several high ranking officers met Captain Walker when he reached Seoul. One broke down with emotion.

Maj. Gen. Frank E. Milburn took over a temporary command after General Walker's death.

"Sam, I want you to know this is still your father's army," he said.

"This will be hard on my mother," Sam Walker said.

The body was taken to the Municipal airport to be flown to Tokyo. Senior officers in General MacArthur's command met the plane at the airport.

Staff officers investigated the death and were told by Walker's aide that he was killed in a traffic accident after World War II in Germany while on a training trip.

The Eighth army lost its brilliant 61-year-old "shooting star" General Walker shortly after his killing. Reaction had saved his life.

The firm-jawed Texan had served the Eighth's more than 100,000 men being trapped and wiped out by Red hordes, posing a new meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers.

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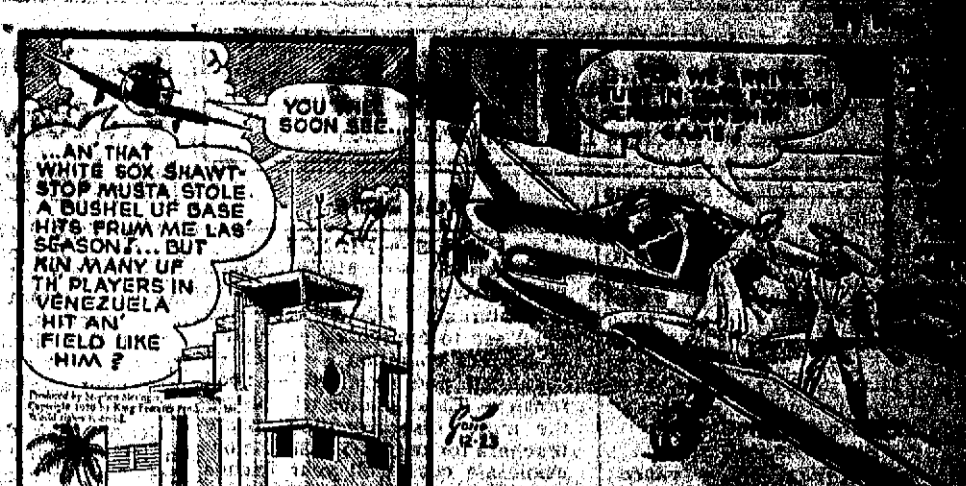
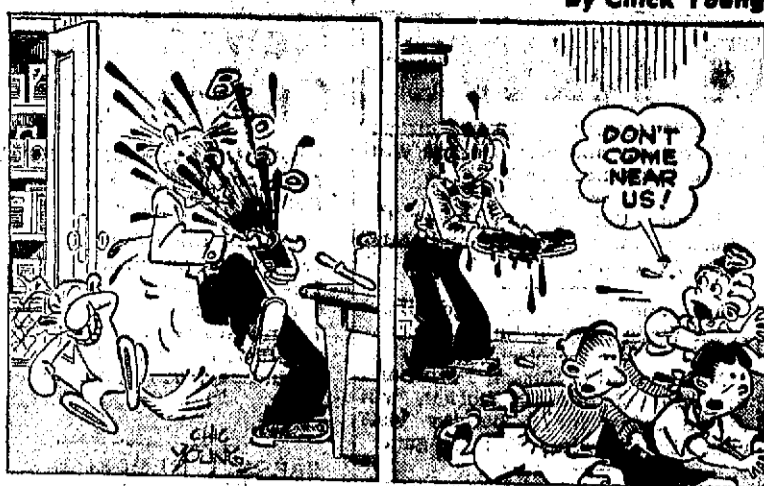
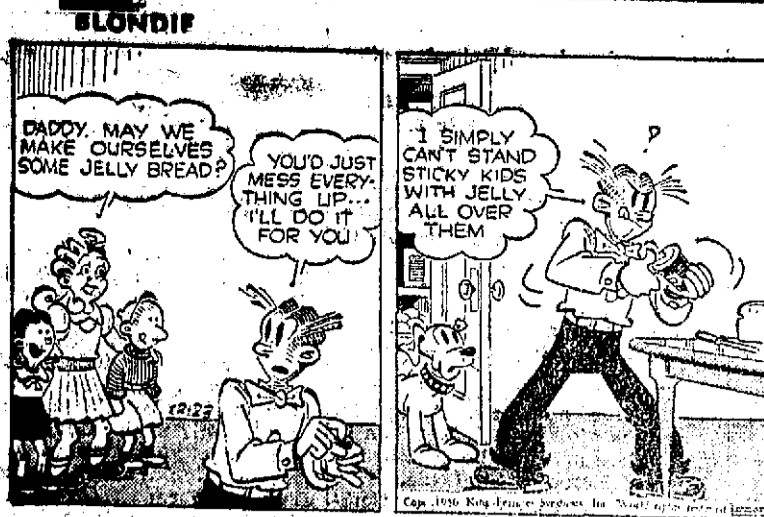
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### Draft Animal

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1. Depicted	1. Censured
2. Draft animal	2. More facile
3. New-born	3. Lixivium
4. Baby's outfit	4. Goddess of the earth
5. Fuff up	5. Genus of shrubs
6. Peer Gyn's mother	6. Aleutian island
7. Storehouse	7. Approach
8. Room (Fr.)	8. Part of the foot
9. Wrom (prefix)	9. Chemical suffix
10. Pertaining to the ear	10. Demolish
11. Before	11. Looks fixedly
12. Eye (Scot.)	12. Lamprey-catchers
13. Symbol for erbium	13. New Zealand native fort
14. Let fall	
15. Bulky	
16. International language	
17. Correlative of either	
18. Morindin dye	
19. Oriental measure	
20. Type of cabbage	
21. The Orient	
22. And (Fr.)	
23. Troop (ab.)	
24. Greek letter	
25. Expanse	
26. Brazilian macaw	
27. Metallic fastener	
28. Hamitic tribesman	
29. Disenumber	
30. Muse of poetry	
31. It has a compact, deep body	
32. Pauses	
33. Racer	

Answer to Previous Puzzle

DELAWARE

1. Verbal 2. Self-esteem (pl.) 3. Son of Nut 4. Gifts of charity 5. Hit with the open hand 6. Comfort 7. Dry 8. Size of shot 9. Symbol for selenium

